

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
U.S. APPLN. NO.: 09/934,578

elastomer, claims 1-8 are considered to generically read thereon. Regarding (H) hydrogenated styrene-butadiene rubber as the resin improving agent recited in claim 6, again claims 1-8 are deemed to generically encompass or read on that species.

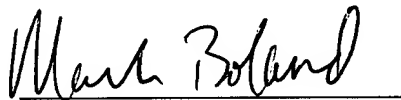
Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

**REMARKS**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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